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SUBJECT: GULF TO SUPPLY LUANDA REFINERY

1. THE EMERGENCY FUND (PETROLEUM WORKING GROUP) HAS TOLD GULF OIL THAT A TANKER WILL BE COMING TO LUANDA TO TAKE OUT HEAVY FUEL OIL PRODUCED BY THE REFINERY AND FOR WHICH THERE IS LITTLE USE HERE, AND THAT IT WOULD BE A GOOD IDEA TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE TANKER'S PRESENCE IN THE AREA TO BRING CRUDE DOWN FROM GULF'S CABINDA TERMINAL FOR THE REFINERY. FNLA WILL NOT ALLOW PETROFINA TO CONTINUE TO SUPPLY THE REFINERY FROM ITS TERNPMAO AT CABECA DE COBRA IN NORTHERN ANGOLA.

2. THE MANAGER OF CABINDA GULF, SIDNEY ANDERSON, TOLD THE WORKING GROUP REPRESENTATIVE, FERNANDO LADERA, THAT HE WOULD BE HAPPY TO OBLIGE, BUT THAT HE NEEDED GOVERNMENT AUTHORIZATION, SALE PRICE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONDITIONS, AND THE USUAL PAPERWORK THAT WENT ALONG WITH

SUCH TRANSACTIONS. LADEIRA, THE SAME LADEIRA WHO PUT OUT THE WORD DURING THE FUEL SHORTAGE HERE PN JULY-AUGUST THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT HAD ISSUED ORDERS TO THE PETROLEUM COMPANIES NOT TO SUPPLY LUANDA, WENT TO LOPO DO NASCIMENTO, THE SENIOR MPLA MAN IN GOVERNMENT, AND TOLD HIM GULF WAS DRAGGING ITS FEET ON THE SUPPLY OF CRUDE. ANDERSON HAS SINCE TALKED WITH NASCIMENTO AND WITH THE HIGH COMMISSIONER AND TOLD THEM HE AND GULF WILL BE DELIGHTED TO HELP OUT, JUST AS THEY HELPED OUT BY SENDING IN AN LPG TANKER EARLY IN SEPTEMBER, WITH ANOTHER DUE SEPTEMBER 13, BUT THAT THEY NEED SOMEONE IN THE GOVERNMENT WITH WHOM TO DEAL (THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ENERGY AND INDUSTRY IS OUT OF THE COUNTRY.) THE HIGH COMMISSIONER HAS PROMISED TO PROVIDE SOMEONE WITH FULL POWERS TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEM. MEANWHILE, THE TANKER IS DUE TO ARRIVE WITHIN THE NEXT TWO DAYS.

3. FORTUNATELY, LADEIRA IS GOING ON VACATION AND WE CAN PROCEED WITHOUT HIS HISTRIONICS, SUSPICIONS AND ATTEMPTS TO INGRATIATE HIMSELF WITH THE MPLA. I AM SURE IT WILL ALL BE WORKED OUT. I TOLD ANDERSON THAT THE WORKING GROUP WAS MEETING TODAY, SEPTEMBER 12 AND THAT HE SHOULD CALL LT. COL. GONCALVES RIDEIRO, SECRETARY GENERAL TO THE HIGH COMMISSION, TO POINT OUT THE URGENCY OF NAMING SOMEONE WITH WHOM HE, ANDERSON, COULD DEAL.

4. ANDERSON AND I TALKED ABOUT THIS MATTER ON AUGUST 25, WHEN HE TOLD ME THAT THE SECRETARY OF ENERGY AND INDUSTRY HAD ASKED GULF TO SUPPLY THE LUANDA REFINERY WITH CRUDE FROM CABINDA. BOTH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PETROLEUM COMPANIES EXPECTED FNLA TO EMBARGO ALL CRUDE SHIPMENTS FROM THE PETROFINA TERMINAL. BY THAT DATE OFFICIAL OF PETROFINA AND THE OFFICE OF GEOLOGY AND MINES HAD ALREADY TALKED WITH FNLA AND HAD RECEIVED A CLEAR INDICATION THAT NO CRUDE WOULD BE ALLOWED TO GO TO LUANDA AND THAT FNLA WANTED ALL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF PETROFINA CRUDE.

5. ONE TANKER HAS ALREADY TAKEN A LARGE LOAD OF CRUDE TO EUROPE OUT OF CABECA DE COBRA AND ANOTHER IS DUE SHORTLY. PETROFINA OFFICIALS IN BRUSSELS ARE SAID TO BE TRYING TO XPGAGE OUT WHAT TO DO, BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNDER A PROTOCOL TO THE PETROFINA/PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT CONTRACT, A MORATORIUM HAS BEEN DECLARED ON ALL TAXES AND ROYALTIES DUE THE GOVERNMENT UNTIL SOMETIME IN 1976, WHICH WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE NO REAL PROBLEM EXCEPT THAT FNLA WILL PROBABLY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO LIVE BY ANY SUCH AGREEMENT AND PETROFINA IS PROBABLY HAVING TROUBLE FIGURING OUT HOW IT CAN STAY ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF BOTH FNLA AND MPLA.
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